

Remarks:

1. Claims 1 through 85 were originally presented in this application. By a series of earlier restriction requirements, claims 12 through 21, 33 through 80, 83, 84, and 85 were withdrawn from consideration. Said restricted claims are cancelled in this paper. Applicant expressly reserves the right to present claims 12 through 21, 33 through 80, 83, 84, and 85 for further prosecution via one or more divisional application(s).


2. Claims 1 through 11, 22 through 32, 81, and 82 have been examined. Claim 8 was objected to in the FINAL Action as dependent on a rejected base claim, but was deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. All other examined claims were rejected. Independent claims 1, 81 and 82 have been amended in this paper to include each of the elements of allowed claim 8 and intervening claim 5. No new matter has been entered and no new issues have been raised. Claims 5 and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to change their dependency from claim 5 to claim 1. Applicant also reserves the right to present original claims 1 through 7, 9, 10, 11, and 22 through 32 for further prosecution via one or more continuation application(s).

3. Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 81, and 82, as currently amended, are allowable. Each of claims 1, 81 and 82, as currently amended, now includes the elements of original claim 8 and intervening original claim 5 deemed by the Examiner to recite allowable subject matter. Independent claim 1 being allowable, it follows *a fortiori* that dependent claims 2 through 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 22 through 32 must also be allowable, since these dependent claims carry with them all the elements of independent claim 1 to which they ultimately refer.

Applicant believes that in view of the foregoing remarks, pending claims 1 through 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 22 through 32, 81, and 82 are allowable, and that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action Applicant earnestly solicits. Should the Examiner have any questions, or believe that a telephone interview may expedite the further examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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